REMARKS

The specification has been amended at page 1 to identify that this application is a U.S. National Phase Application under 35 USC 371 of International Application PCT/JP2003/010300.

The title has been amended to change "APPARATUS" to --SYSTEM--. Similarly, the first paragraph of the specification has been amended to change "apparatus" to --system--.

The Summary of the Invention portion of the specification has been revised to be consistent with the new set of claims set forth herein. The Abstract has been revised to put same in better form. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1-22 have been canceled and new claims 23-28 have been added. No new matter has been added.

It is respectfully requested that the amendments to the title, specification and claims all be approved and entered, and that prosecution on the merits proceed on the basis of the application as set forth hereinabove.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,

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